

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 19, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Spicher called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall.

**Invocation**

Supervisor Spicher led the invocation for the Board and the members of the public.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Kevin Spicher, Janene Deaton, Candie Hovarter, Robin Hunt, Bill Reiber, and Todd Walker. Absent was Rick Soucy.

Also present was Township Manager Kelly VanMarter and two people in the audience.

**Call to the Public**

The call to the public was opened at 6:32 pm.

Ms. Denise Pollicella of 4200 Sweet Road was present on behalf of the Coalition to Stop the Latson PUD. She thanked the board members for running for office. She is aware that the developer has sued the Township. The coalition is having a lot of discussion behind the scenes because they may be joining the lawsuit as intervening co-defendants. The coalition is assisting with advertising the Master Plan meetings. She has spoken to the developer many times and worked on negotiating with him. She has not seen any evidence of him being reasonable and the Coalition is reasonable with what they have been willing to do to support the development.

Ms. Debra Beattie of 3109 Pineview Trail also thanked the board members. Everyone the coalition has spoken to is supporting the lawsuit and all of the board members.

The call to the public was closed at 6:36 pm.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Ms. Hunt requested to have Item #2 moved to the Regular Agenda.

**Moved** by Hunt, supported by Walker, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**1. Payment of Bills: May 19, 2025**

**~~2. Request to approve the May 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes.~~**

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

**Moved** by Reiber, supported by Hovarter, to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Request to approve the May 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes. (moved from Consent Agenda)**

Ms. Hunt noted three changes and Mr. Reiber noted one change that was needed.

**Moved** by Hunt, supported by Reiber, to approve the May 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Consideration of a request for approval and adoption of Ordinance Number 250519A for the Genoa Charter Township Cemetery Ordinance as requested by the Township Clerk.**

Ms. Deaton stated she is requesting approval for a revised ordinance she has prepared. The township attorney and the township manager have reviewed it.

**Moved** by Hunt, supported by Hovarter, to approve and adopt Ordinance Number 250519A for the Genoa Charter Township Cemetery Ordinance as requested by the Township Clerk. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter - yes; Deaton - yes; Spicher - yes; Hunt - yes; Reiber - yes; Walker - yes)**

**4. Request for approval of Resolution #5A– to amend the Special Assessment Roll for the Lakewood Knoll Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project to reduce the assessment amount to reflect construction cost savings (Winter tax). (Roll Call)**

Ms. VanMarter stated that this road improvement project cost less than what was anticipated. It decreased from \$8,900 to \$6,202. If approved, she will notify the residents. For those that have paid in full, they will receive a refund.

**Moved** by Reiber, supported by Walker, to approve Resolution #5A – Confirming the amended Special Assessment Roll for the Lakewood Knoll Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment Project. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hunt - yes; Reiber - yes; Walker - yes; Hovarter - yes; Deaton - yes; Spicher - yes).**

**5. Request for approval of Resolution 250519B establishing the 2025 instructions for poverty exemption, guidelines for poverty exemption, poverty exemption application, and poverty exemption worksheet as submitted by Assessor Debra Rojewski. (Roll Call)**

Ms. VanMarter stated these are minor changes. Ms. Hunt stated they are clerical clarifications.

**Moved** by Hunt, supported by Hovarter, to approve the 2025 Instructions for poverty exemption, guidelines for poverty exemption, Poverty exemption application and Poverty exemption worksheet as submitted. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (Hovarter - yes; Deaton - yes; Hunt - yes; Reiber - yes; Walker yes; Spicher - yes)**

**6. Request for approval of an application for a Public Display of Fireworks permit for Lake Trust Stadium on Friday, June 6, 2025 as submitted by Cleary University.**

Ms. Deaton stated Cleary University holds this fireworks display each year.

Mr. Reiber noted that the fireworks company is not from Michigan. Their insurance certificate is from another state. Ms. VanMarter recommended, if approved this evening, placing a condition that the certificate of liability insurance is valid should be included in the motion.

**Moved** by Deaton, supported by Walker, to approve an application for a Public Display of Fireworks permit for Lake Trust Stadium on Friday, June 6, 2025 as submitted by Cleary University conditioned upon the Township Clerk identifying that the certificate of liability is valid in the state of Michigan and the payments of claim will be guaranteed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Consideration of a request for approval of budget amendments to Fund 202 "SAD Roads and Lakes" for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget as follows:**

- a. **Reduce Lakewood Knoll Department 498 "SAD Principle" revenue line item 202-498-628-005 from \$54,183 to \$38,836 and "Interest" revenue line item 202-498-665-001 from \$15,171 to \$10,874.**
- b. **Increase Edwin Drive Department 487, "SAD Principle" revenue line item 202-487-628-005 from \$0 to \$4,235, increase "Interest" revenue line item 202-487-665-001 from \$0 to \$423, and increase "Project Expense" appropriation line item 202-487-801-075 from \$2,081 to \$3,655.**

**Moved** by Hunt, supported by Deaton, to approve the budget amendments to Fund 202 "SAD Roads and Lakes" for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget for Lakewood Knoll and Edwin Drive maintenance. **The motion carried unanimously.**



### **Correspondence**

Ms. VanMarter provided a letter from EGLE advising the Utility Director that he has received a grant for over \$164,000 for the former Oak Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant PFAS Risk Reduction Investigation.

Ms. VanMarter provided photos and an update on the project to reduce the runoff onto the sidewalk on Grand River across from Champion Buick GMC.

There is an email to the Board and Supervisor from Mary Post of 4923 New Haven Drive providing input for the Master Plan update. This has been put in that file.

MDOT provided an update stating they will be installing improved pedestrian crossings on Grand River at Golf Club and on Grand River at the Meijer and Wal-Mart driveways. They will be installing them later this year.

### **Member Updates**

Mr. Reiber stated that the Planning Commission approved Tap-Ins to convert their temporary trailer where they sell ice cream and check people in and out for putt-putt into a permanent structure. They also approved a letter to be sent to the surrounding communities regarding updating the Master Plan.

Mr. Walker stated the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board approved the purchase of two boats and trailers and sonar equipment for the boats. They will also receive training on these boats from neighboring departments at no charge. Other smaller purchases were approved also.

Ms. Hovarter stated that she has helped the Recreation Authority save money on their health, dental, and vision insurance. The planning for the Melon Festival is being done. It is a lot of work and an expensive event. She is hoping that they can make a profit this year.

### **Board Comments**

The Board discussed the redevelopment of the property where the new Hobby Lobby will be.

Supervisor Spicher stated he and Ms. VanMarter reviewed the property at Brighton Road and Chilson Road that the township recently purchased. It is very overgrown with invasive species. They are planning on having it cleaned up and made a usable natural area.

Ms. Deaton stated her new clerk assistant started today.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved** by Walker, supported by Reiber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Thomas  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

  
Janene Deaton, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township

  
Kevin Spicher, Supervisor  
Genoa Charter Township